

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 983 - SB 1156**

March 6, 2009

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Prohibits the issuance of a driver's license and authorizes the suspension of a driver's license for any parent or legal guardian of a public school student who has been expelled from school for 10 or more days in a school year, whether consecutively or non-consecutively, when such parent or legal guardian refuses to appear at the school in person to discuss matters of concern regarding the student's development and education.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Revenue - \$24,300/Recurring**  
**Increase State Expenditures - \$35,000/One-Time**

Assumptions:

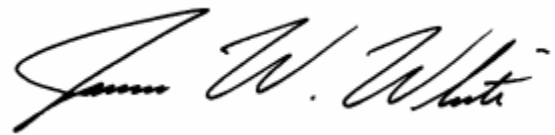
- According to the Department of Education (DOE), there were approximately 11,500 students suspended for 10 or more days during the 2007-08 school year.
- The number of students suspended 10 or more days remains constant in subsequent years.
- DOE projects that parents for approximately 20 percent of students suspended for 10 or more days (2,300) do not participate in parent-teacher conferences each year under current law.
- It is expected that parents will become more incentivized to participate in parent-teacher conferences in future years due to possibility of having their driver's license revoked. As a result, it is assumed that only 10 percent of such parents (1,150) will refuse to participate in parent-teacher conferences each year following passage of this bill.
- DOE indicates that this bill will have no fiscal impact on the Department or local education agencies.
- The Department of Safety (DOS) projects that 25 percent of parents refusing to participate in parent-teacher conferences (288) will have their driver's licenses revoked each year and will subsequently reinstate.
- The reinstating fee is \$65.00; the driver's license issuance fee is \$19.50.

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- The increase to state revenue derived from fees is estimated to be \$24,300 per year  $[288 \times (\$65.00 + \$19.50) = \$24,336]$ .
- Any decrease to state revenue that would occur as the result of parents being denied the initial issuance of a driver's license is expected to be not significant.
- DOS indicates that 10 departmental systems would require programming changes. The associated one-time state expenditures for computer and software modifications is estimated to be \$35,000.

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "White" clearly distinguishable.

James W. White, Executive Director

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